

**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

744 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814



August 31, 1999

ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 99-57

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY ICPC LIAISONS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICES  
ALL ADOPTION FIELD OFFICES

**REASON FOR THIS TRANSMITTAL**

- ☐ State Law Changes
- ☐ Federal Law of Regulations Change
- ☐ Court Order or Settlement Agreement
- ☐ Clarification Requested by One or More Counties
- ☒ Initiated by CDSS

SUBJECT: RESCINDING AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE FOSTER CARE FUNDS FOR CALIFORNIA CHILDREN PLACED IN

- (1) COLORADO BOYS RANCH – LA JUNTA, COLORADO
- (2) DEVEREUX – LEAGUE CITY, TEXAS

**(1) COLORADO BOYS RANCH**

Colorado Boys Ranch has advised the California Department of Social Services that they do not meet the definition of a group home. They are licensed as a psychiatric residential treatment facility. As such, they are not subject to the provisions of Senate Bill 933 (Chapter 311, Statutes 1998). Their application for certification as an out-of state provider for the purpose of receiving California children as foster care placements is withdrawn.

Under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective July 15, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Colorado Boys Ranch. In addition, CDSS has rescinded authorization to use foster care dollars (state/federal) effective August 31, 1999, for California children currently in placement at Colorado Boys Ranch. Counties may, however, use county-only dollars for the children they currently have in placement. The counties of Los Angeles, Mariposa, Yolo, Marin, Riverside and Mendocino were alerted by telephone during the third week of July 1999.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements effective July 15, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective August 31, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions. In addition, counties that opt to fund current placements with county-only funds shall not track these cases on the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) as a federal or non-federal case.

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## **(2) DEVEREUX**

Devereux (in League City, Texas) has advised the California Department of Social Services that they do not meet the definition of a group home. They are licensed as a psychiatric hospital. As such, they are not subject to the provisions of Senate Bill 933 (Chapter 311, Statutes 1998). Their application for certification as an out of state provider for the purpose of receiving California children as placements is withdrawn.

Under the authority of the Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children and as the Title IV-E single state agency authority, the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) suspended, effective July 15, 1999, any new Interstate Compact placements from California to Devereux (in Massachusetts). In addition, CDSS has rescinded authorization to use foster care dollars (state/federal) effective August 31, 1999, for California children currently in placement at Devereux. Counties may, however, use county-only dollars for the children they currently have in placement. The counties of Los Angeles and San Francisco were alerted by telephone during the third week of July 1999.

As a result of this action, counties may no longer claim costs on any of the County Assistance Claims for New Placements at this facility effective July 15, 1999. Counties may no longer claim costs for existing placements at this facility effective August 31, 1999. Any county that does not comply will be at risk of future audit exceptions. In addition, counties that opt to fund current placements with county-only funds shall not track these cases on the Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) as a federal or non-federal case.

## **CONCLUSION**

Attached for your convenience is a revised "Certification" list. Should you desire additional information, please telephone Ms. Marika Wolf, Deputy Compact Administrator and Manager, Out-of-State Placement Policy Unit, at (916) 323-1000.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by Wesley Beers  
on August 31, 1999*

**WESLEY A. BEERS**

Acting Deputy Director and  
Compact Administrator

Attachment

cc: CWDA  
CPOC  
Judicial Council

**OUT-OF-STATE  
RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT FACILITIES  
CERTIFICATION LIST  
Updated September 2, 1999**

**Authorized Pending Certification**

- Chileda Institute (Wisconsin)
- Christie School (Oregon)
- Church of God Children's Home (North Carolina)
- Devereux (*Victoria*, Texas)
- Nashua Child Center (New Hampshire)
- New Hope Treatment Centers (South Carolina)
- Normative Services (Wyoming)
- Raindancer Youth Services (Utah)

**Certified**

- Glen Mills (Pennsylvania)
- Heritage Schools, Inc. (Utah)
- Rite of Passage--except the Remote Treatment Campus, (Nevada)
- Vision Quest (Arizona)

**Provisional Certification**

- Cinnamon Hills Youth Crisis Center (Utah)—effective 8/18/99-12/18/99
- Excelsior Youth Centers, Inc. (Colorado)—effective 8/18/99-11/1/99